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FYI

❖ The cafeteria had its health inspection on Feb. 18, 1998 and the end result was an 86, or grade B. The following list provides the six violations marked:

❖Food Storage
❖Equipment Condition
❖Refrigeration Units
❖Water Cross Connection
❖Refuse
❖Floors

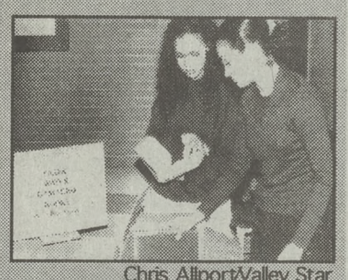
Marcy Petrique/Valley Star

COUNSELING WORKSHOPS

❖ The Transfer Alliance Program will be offering a workshop entitled, "Can TAP Help You Transfer?" This presentation is on Tuesday, March 17 from 12-1 p.m. in FL 104. It is put on through the Counseling department. Michael Gold will be conducting the workshop.

FREE BOOKS

❖ Earthquake and water damaged books are being given away to students. The bins are located in the administration building on the tables within the walkway.



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SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

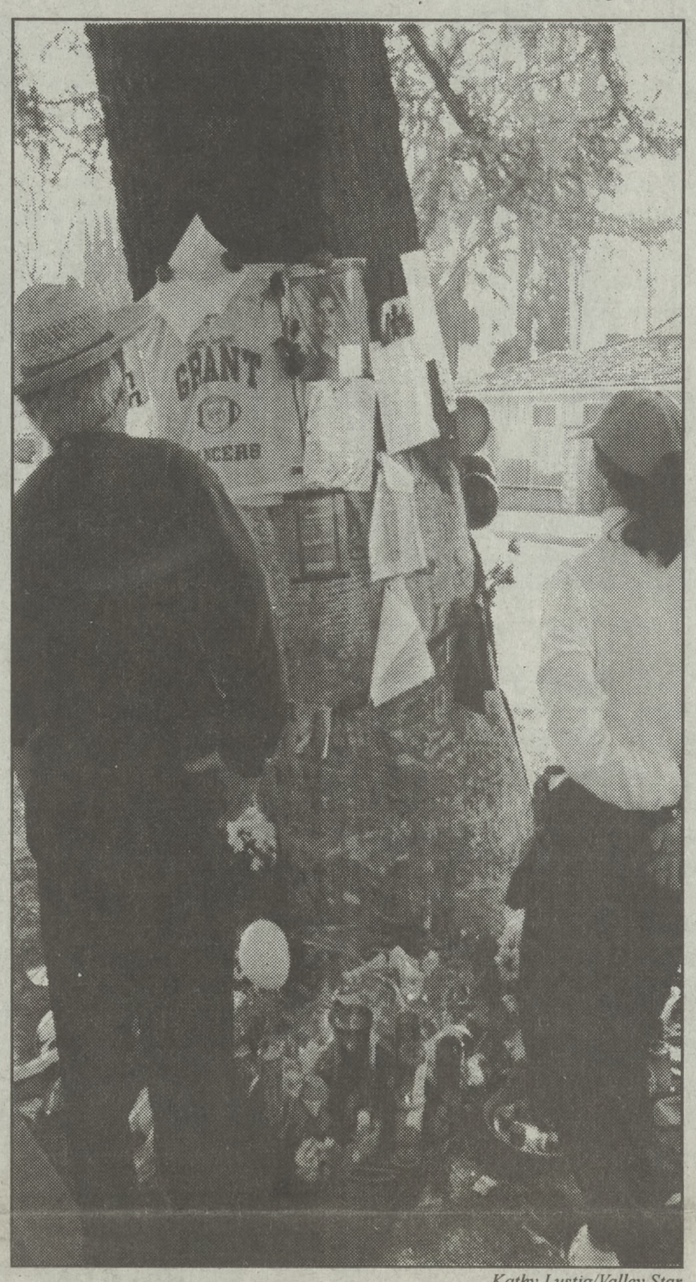
❖ The Patrons Association are offering a number of scholarships.
These include:

❖The Moxie Scholarship,
❖The Patrons Scholarship,
❖The Dr. Stewart Marsh Scholarship
❖The Business Department Scholarship
❖The Future Account Scholarship
❖The Ann Morris Memorial Scholarship
❖The Emilie White Interior Design Scholarship

Applications are available in the Office of Community and Industrial Relations, Administration Building, Room 100.

The deadline for all scholarships is Friday, March 27, 1998. For more information call 778-0424.

Terminal velocity?



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Street walkers stop to see the tree where Jeremy Stockton and James Gorden who both crashed into while speeding. See Sports.

Students caught in a web of uncertainty

By ALEXIS SCALICE
STAR REPORTER

Most Valley college student workers can rest easy, as a proposal to terminate their positions has been temporarily dismissed.

"It seems like the student workers are safe," said Chair of the Budget Committee Marty Hittelman.

During a budget committee meeting held on Tuesday, other avenues were discussed to place a dent in the $13 million deficit LACCD faces.

Hittelman said each college was delegated an amount of money to save and Valley College was able to fulfill this assignment without cutting the 59 student workers on the budget.

"We are going through all possible ways to secure those positions," said Valley College President Tyree Wieder.

One alternative involved reducing expenditures in non-salary areas.

"There is a freeze on the district level among non-salary accounts," said Hittelman. "Anything we spend within a non salary account has to be OK'd by downtown."

Producing special accounts that would provide different allocations to pay students is another idea according to Wieder.

A written document to show how vital student workers are and their direct impact on the institutional program at Valley College is also on Wieder's agenda.

"I have no plan for covering these positions because I don't plan on them leaving," she said.

Acquisitions, Periodicals and Reference Librarian Georgiana Samples said that the nine students who work in the library are "essential."

"Cutting these positions will curtail hours and efficiency and ability to provide number one service," Samples said.

At one time the library employed 52 students, according to Cataloging and Reference Librarian Cynthia Siskin.

Hittelman said there was a possibility of laying off classified employees. "I do not see them doing that because you can not run the school without them," he said.

The initial proposal to curb salaries and benefits among the college faculties at Mission, Pierce and Valley was refused profusely at a meeting held March 4.

"The unions are willing to discuss ways to spend less money, but not by negotiating contracts," Hittelman said.

Hittelman said that the district has not been recognizing the property tax back bill, which will also generate more funds.

The district has until June 30, the end of the current budget year to curb the deficit.

"It is a difficult time for everyone," Wieder said. "The revenue we generate is much more than the budget allocation.

Marcy Petrique/Valley Star

Erika Verser will continue reshelving books despite the budget cuts.

TAP opens doors to UCLA

By CHRIS M. ALLPORT
STAR REPORTER

Early Friday morning, sleepy eyed Valley students piled on a UCLA bound school bus for Super TAP day. TAP, an acronym for Transfer Alliance Program is a partnership between UCLA and many community colleges.

Former Valley College student and successful TAP transfer Emmanuelle Liggens informed students that they have to take it upon themselves to not become just a number. Liggens suggests that students, on the first day of school, prepare a calendar of all the homework that they will have to do. "It is going to be a shock when you first get here," she said, "You must be aggressive when talking to professors."

According to Judith L. Smith, Vice Provost of the UCLA College of Letters and Science, the TAP program in community colleges gives students the necessary building blocks for a successful career at UCLA.

In the early 1980's UCLA noticed a significant decrease in the number of transfers from community colleges. UCLA students were either flunking out or receiving low GPAs, according to Yacavone. UCLA's response in 1985 was to create TAP. UCLA signed articulation agreements with eight local community colleges, Valley included, implementing new honors classes, emphasizing analytical thinking, reading and writing.

Today, UCLA has TAP agreements with over 30 community colleges.

By fall of 1998, Yacavone expects to have 25 TAP honors courses, including Chicano Studies, and Spanish.

TAP experts say that 98 percent of TAP students are accepted to UCLA, whereas 48 percent of non-TAP students are accepted. "most faculty and students are completely unaware that TAP even exists, " Yacavone said, "TAP is one of the best kept secrets on Campus."

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Kristyn Male, Suzie Marciruiak and Blair Escherich enjoy TAP Day.

Valley represented at Model UN conference

By ANITA TORRES
STAR REPORTER

For the first time ever Valley College was represented at the California Model United Nations Conference.

On Saturday, at the Seaport Marina Hotel in Long Beach, 16 delegates from Valley's Political Science 107 International Relations class attended the conference.

At the conference, 30 high schools, colleges and universiteies from southern and central California were represented.

Each school was assigned a certain number of countries that they were to represent. The delegates were notified of these countries in advance so they would be able to research the countries governments.

"We were only notified 2 weeks in advance that we were going," said Valley's head delegate Ryan Dudasik. "A lot of the other schools have been preparing for this since last fall."

At the conference, the delegates split up to discuss issues concerning their countries. The six issues discussed were land mines, human rights, terrorism, contemporary issues, women and children, and world trade. Each country had to discuss their issues and offer written resolutions.

"The purpose of the conference was to learn how the United Nations works to solve global conflicts," said Dudasik.

Job Fair attracts large crowd

By NANCY BARHONA
STAR REPORTER

A variety of opportunities were offered at the Job Fair which was held at Monarch Square from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. yesterday.

"It's very good and convenient because you get to see a lot of opportunities and those opportunities are coming to you," said Valley College student Adnan Tareq.

The purpose of the Job Fair was to help the students and the community match up with potential employers, said Hanna Petterson, director of Cooperative Education and the Job Resources Center.

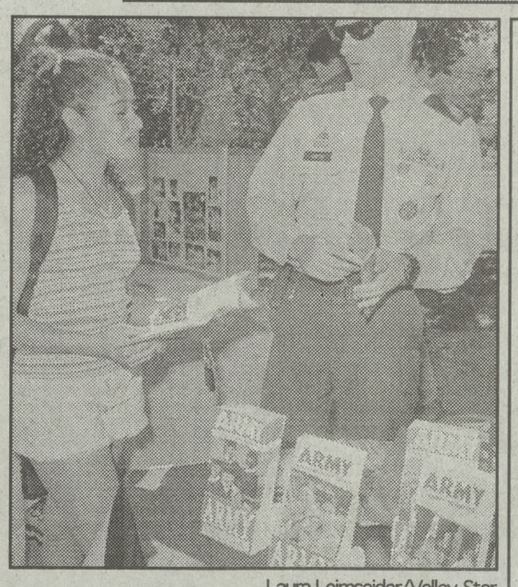
"The employers are happy with the turn out," said Peterson. "Businesses became aware of the college and its offerings."

"We came out here because we're always looking for people for our office." said Rosalie Velasquez, human resources administrator at the Interviewing Service of America.

Along with ISA were 66 participants including representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Wells Fargo Bank, United States Marine Corps, Universal, and the Los Angeles Times.

"We always attend the job fairs to give people the opportunities to ask questions, drop off resumes, and get in contact with other people," said Christina Zigler, human resources administrator at KCAL 9.

The Job Fair was sponsored by the Job resource Center, Cooperative Education Department, and the Patrons Association of Valley College.



Laura Leimseider/Valley Star

Students asked many questions to the various business representatives present at the Job Fair.

From the Valley Star to you. . .
To avoid those painful pinches, cut this clover out and wear it on St. Patricks Day.

Is honesty really the best policy?

By DEEANNE McCLAIN
STAR REPORTER

If one would spend a day watching talk shows, one might think that no couple is honest with one another.

This is pretty important since according to radio and talk show host and author Dr. Laura Schlessinger also says that dishonesty can lead to waking up with a stranger you can't stand. After all, how does one know if their mate is being honest if they can't be? Who knows what is really going on behind their lovers eyes?

Only complete honesty and trust can withstand the challenges that relationships must endure. Why?

The moment any difficult situation occurs in a relationship, doubt will surely set in a wreak havoc on the mind of each partner. For example, let's say you are on a relation ship for a year and a half. Recently you found out through a mutual friend that your mate had an innocent dinner with a co-worker of the opposite sex, but had told you that they were working late.

Do you trust them? Are you positive that nothing is going on? Why are they keeping it a secret?

For the next several months, you say nothing, but question every move they make, every lunch, every late date. The next thing you know, you don't even care anymore.

You begin to notice members of the opposite sex at school, looking attractive and you invite them to coffee in the cafeteria. One thing leads to another...

Sound ridiculous? Don't kid yourself. Scenarios like this happen every day.

Little events that you'd rather not share with your mate just to keep them from being upset or to keep from having to explain yourself can lead to the end of trust and eventually the end of your relationship.

In his book Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus, Dr. John Grey says that small lies can lead to a lot of resentment, keeping a couple from building lasting intimacy.

Is it OK to keep anything from your mate? Dr. Grey doesn't advise keeping even the smallest thing from your partner, unless once revealed, it can do no damage or cause any resentment.

Personally, I feel that complete honesty, although difficult, and sometimes even risky, is worth it. There is nothing like looking over at your partner and knowing there is nothing hidden, nothing to fear.

What about revealing all the gory details from your past? Is this kind of honesty really necessary? Respected advice columnist, Dr. Ann Landers, recently suggested in a talk show interview that sometimes that kind of honesty can do more harm than good and should not necessarily be volunteered.

Purging your past to your new mate could be dangerous indeed, but personally, I feel that if you are looking to spend the rest of your life with someone, honesty is the best policy. There is nothing worse than some skeleton falling out of your closet in the middle of a relationship.

However, I recommend this kind of honesty for those who usually have a good record of knowing who they can trust with damaging information and not revealing too much too soon. A bitter ex-mate armed with the right ammo can make your life pretty miserable.

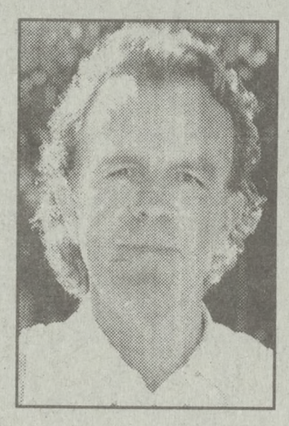
So, if you want to keep off the talk shows, stay honest!

Photo Survey...

How do you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

"My mom dyes our Pancakes green on Saint Patrick's Day"
Aubry Lamoniza

"I wear green for the spirit of my daughter"
Limor Isaaks



"I'm Irish, so I play Celtic Music. Of course, there's beef and cabage too!"
Noel Phillips

Cafeteria receives a 'B,' but is that good enough?

By LAURA RENOLDS
STAR REPORTER

News of potential layoffs has come at a time when the Valley College cafeteria need its staff more than ever.

Prior to February 1998 the cafeteria has failed health inspections with some serious violations. In Feb. 1997 the cafeteria was subject to a surprise inspection, failing miserably with 22 health code violations.

During the last inspection, Feb. 18 1998, the cafeteria received a passing grade of 'B' with a score of 86.

According to the Health Department's senior supervisor of the West Valley Office, Arnoldo Juarez, the cafeteria was cited for code violations listed on the official inspection report including maintenance and cleanliness to prevent vermin.

Hamburger was stored in refrigerators above vegetables, freezers were caked with ice, foil on shelves where food is stored was not changed regularly and the floors and walls need to be cleaned and sanitized, to name a few of the violations.

"I think every semester a chronic condition exists when trash from food and drinks pile up in areas which need constant supervision," said Albert Fierro, head of cafeteria food service. "The cafeteria staff blames a few students."

Raul Reyes, the day shift dining custodian mentioned the night shift workers are responsible for cleaning tables inside the cafeteria and the general cleaning outside the cafeteria.

"The inspectors usually inspect the cafeteria during lunch and therefore miss the times when the real cleaning is done," Reyes said.

The staff wore gloves, their uniforms were clean and pressed and the plates and utensils were spotless.

However, the budget cutbacks supposed to be helpful in reorganizing and redefining working conditions campus wide were extremely evident.

Fierro actually runs the cash register, a student worke'sr job, during rushes because of the understaffing.

Student workers still employed are still in precarious positions as well. With the ever-increasing cost of living, tuition, books and school supplies, it makes it almost impossible to balance a budget effectively.

Julio Caesar Hernandez was asked to leave his student worker position in the cafeteria two weeks ago because of budget cuts at Valley College.

Hernandez depends on this money to continue his studies and is currently looking into other options to further his education.

What does this mean then for students who eat in an understaffed cafeteria; so understaffed as to not have time to properly clean and sanitize our eating areas?

Well, it is of course one's own decision to eat in the cafeteria rather than go off campus to Subway or Sharky's.

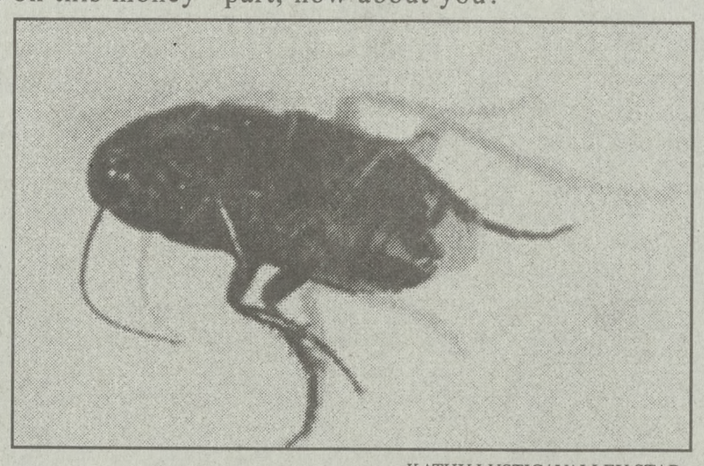
For the student who has no choice but to eat in the cafeteria when running between classes there is some consolation.

There is a variety of appetizing food including chicken, beef, vegetables, rice, sandwiches, mashed potatoes and more.

The cafeteria has strived to meet student's demands for more variety and well-prepared food, according to Fierro.

Now that we are faced with an understaffed cafeteria it is our obligation to help out in whatever capacity we can such as throwing our garbage in a trash bin not already overflowing.

Not to mention, just squish those occasional bugs that might happen to appear in your soup or on a tray. Either way, the bottom line is — many students use the cafeteria and it is in our best interest that the cafeteria remain open. I'll do my part, how about you?



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Penny for your thoughts

on the cafeteria...

The prices are too high for college students on a limited budget. To give an example, a 20 ounce bottle of diet coke is $1.50 here. At other establishments, you can get it for 75¢. Also the quality of the food stinks!
Allison Wilner

They close the cafeteria too early. They seem to close right in the middle of lunch time. Last week they even refused to let a person with Diabetes buy food because they said they were closed.
Mindy Wilner

It's disgusting! The video games are very distracting, especially the Killing Instinct. The workers in the Cafeteria are rude and they should take a class in manners.
Fernando Mercado

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Editorial:

Crossing the Barriers of Culture

The clubs at Valley College are self supporting clubs which students fund, yet, there seems to be a shortage of clubs. Some students claim they can't find a club which meets their criteria.

The majority of the clubs are long standing clubs which recruit new students each semester, and they are ethnically divided. This is the way the majority of the students seem to want it.

Students seem reluctant to change, they are more comfortable being with other students of the same background. For some, this is not a problem, for others it is.

One of the biggest complaints regarding clubs on campus, deals with not having a cross-cultural club for students. Many students come from racially diverse backgrounds and there are no clubs on campus for those students.

Students from mixed backgrounds seem to get lost in the overly political club system on campus. Do they join Hillel or BSU? Would you prefer to speak Armenian or Spanish during a club meeting? Or maybe you would prefer to start your own club.

A lot of work goes into starting a club; organizing, recruiting, and funding are just some of the major stumbling blocks. But even clubs which have been long established find it hard to keep the club operating.

The clubs are for the students, and it is up to the students to make changes when they are unhappy. Unfortunately, this is easier said than done.

Students want change but they feel they are not getting support from the college, and the college needs students to get involved in order for changes to take place. It's a catch twenty-two.

Where do you start drawing a circle? In the middle of the beginning of the end? It is time for the clubs on campus to become not just organized within themselves but to broaden the scope of their goals and objectives.

Many clubs have little support or attendance when they work hard to sponsor an event or celebrate a holiday. If more than just one club were to sponsor an event, without one being the 'leader,' then turnout and support would immediately double.

The purpose of the United Nations is to take a stance on global issues and find solutions amicable to all parties involved. This goal is well-suited for Valley College.

There currently exists an Inter-Club Council at Valley College but the meetings are closed to students other than from the governing bodies of chartered clubs.

Were there to be a meeting between all clubs, open to members and interested parties, it would probably become quite a place for growth and opportunity within this all too anonymous campus we call home.

The solution begins with you, the student and you the seeker of knowledge and experience. College is a wonderful door to a new adventure every day if you only let it fill your heart with a desire to know more about yourself and the people around you.

When it rains, it pours...

By MICHAEL ROCHE
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

With El Nino's fury expected to continue into early summer and it's extensive side effects lingering long afterward, staying focused on preparedness should be on everyone's agenda.

The National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration believes that El Nino's imminence will continue to bring heavy rain across California. "The next two months will follow a pattern similar to the last two months of abnormal weather," according to Commerce Secretary William Daley.

El Nino's spontaneity is caused by abnormal warming of the ocean temperatures across the eastern pacific. It's influences have generated an 86 percent increase from last season's rain total of 12.4 inches. To date 23.11 inches have fallen.

Most important is protecting one's safety with the knowledge of knowing how to prevent a disaster from happening. Being prepared is the crucial step in avoiding such a tragedy.

Your first concern should be to store important documents and valuables in a safe-despot box, that is safely.

Check with your current homeowner's or renter's insurance policy to see whether or not your coverage includes flood damage. If none is found, it is a good idea to obtain such coverage.

Keep emergency supplies handy, such as first aid kits, canned or packaged foods, a hand crank can opener, a portable radio, flash lights, extra batteries and plenty of drinking water in your car, at work and at home.

Be sure to carry some cash and always keep your car at least half fueled. During a power outage, filling stations and automatic teller machines may be unable to operate.

It is important that you know safe alternate routes in case roadways have become flooded. Also remember never to attempt to cross or drive through a flooded area or path.

Store emergency building materials for quick waterproofing. Sand bags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber are all suggested.

Coming full circle are El Nino's after effects: allergies, fires, mosquitoes, rodents and abundant wildlife are just some of its ramifications. Preparing for these is equally important.

The increased water levels will heighten pollen causing severe allergenic reactions. Taking the necessary precautions and medications can help prevent such revulsion.

Rapid growing shrubs and sage will elevate the potential for serious wildfires, resulting in damaged homes this summer and fall when fire season rolls around. Cutting back the brush which surrounds the immediate areas of your property can help alleviate this type of hazard.

Stagnant water is a major breeding ground for mosquitoes. With plenty of water, compliments of El Nino, an outbreak of mosquito populations is likely. The proper insect repellents can help save your skin.

The drying of lush areas will force rodents to migrate into landscaped areas. Proper poisons and professional exterminators can help curb this potential threat.

Plenty of water helps elevate the ecosystem into a thriving populace which may make some animals, such as coyote, stray into neighboring areas. Keeping your children and pets indoors is important in preventing an attack.

Although simple as these precautions may seem, many people are caught off guard and become unsuspecting victims. My conclusion: preparation is vital. I just hope El Nino doesn't have a father...El Padre.

MALIK RAHSAAN/VALLEY STAR

WHAT'S THE DEAL *with the...*

The Tobacco Companies?

BY DEEANNE McCLAIN
STAR REPORTER

What's the deal with: Tobacco companies?

Why is it we silly humans are falling for the new spiffy advertising of the tobacco companies?

Did someone miss the fact that cigarettes are killing people?

Or perhaps there are actually some people who believed the tobacco executives who swore under oath before a congressional committee that cigarettes are not addictive.

Hello out there! I mean, geez, it's one thing to consume saccharine or some other additive without knowing it is killing you, but we all know what cigarettes do.

The tobacco companies however, seem to think after they were slapped on the wrist for their cutesie, cartoon and advertising (which clearly invited the young would-be smokers to spend their allowances on a pack of smokes) they can just switch gears and repackage themselves, fooling teens into a catatonic purchasing state.

The only problem is, they seem to be right!

According to the American Heart Association, those who begin smoking before they are 20 years old have the highest incidence and earliest onset of both coronary heart disease and hypertension and in 1997 current smoking rates are 21 percent among eighth-graders (13-14 years old), 30 percent among 10th-graders (15-16 years old), and 34 percent among 12th-graders (17-18 years old).

> "...it's one thing to consume saccharine or some other additive without knowing it is killing you, but we all know what cigarettes do."

These rates are impressively high, especially when compared to the fact that about 25 percent of all adults are classified as current smokers according to the National Health Interview Survey.

So what have the tobacco companies done?

Well, Winston is now naked, the Marlboro Man is jumping through rope hoops and Joe Camel is now just a plain camel waiting for us at the end of our rainbow.

Apparently, these changes were enough to enlist several hundred thousand new smokers this year alone.

I walk down the corridors of our campus and see many of you smoking. Hey, no judgment here, I did it for 18 years, but come on people, can't you a least tell when a company is snowing you?

If you insist on killing yourselves, at least boycott these brands and buy a generic brand. You'll save money if nothing else. Perhaps they'll taste foul enough to make you quit.

Those who really want to get involved can write to their helpful congressman and the individual tobacco companies too.

But to really change the world for the better, here's my advice: If you smoke, quit. Use the patch, call 1-800-No-Butts, join a group, get fit, eat better; whatever it takes.

It's worth it, I promise. Second, support the new law against smoking inside restaurants and bars.

Waitresses and people who just want to hang out shouldn't have to inhale the private stench of others' bad habits.

Smoking outside may be lonely and cold, but hey, someone who goes through the trouble to lead a healthy lifestyle, should be

LAVC Museum

By LAURA RENOLDS
STAR REPORTER

The historical museum at Valley has sparked some interest among students. Finally, all the students and the surrounding community can see what everyone is talking about on campus.

You might have already spent some time traveling to other museums, finding out little is said about the History of San Fernando Valley and its beginning!

Here is a sight you can tell your family about: The Historical Museum in Bungalow 15 is on the south end of the campus, founded by Dr. James L. Dodson.

What does the museum do? It collects photographs, and artifacts relating to the San Fernando Valley and act as a depository for Valley College publications, documents, photographs, and tapes containing recollections of long term valley residents.

The museum offers a variety of displays depicting the history of the San Fernando Valley and displays artifacts connected with its history.

You can also listen to recorded words of those who saw that history.

The museum can also supply you with reference material for research projects.

While visiting the museum a 1905 secretary's desk and a 1913 typewriter are only a couple of the displayed artifacts.

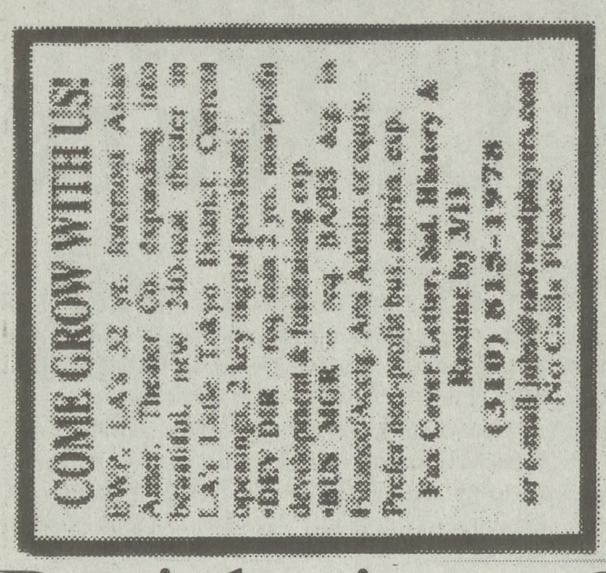
There is also an exhibit of stone used by early man, Valley plants native to the San Fernando and exhibits of articles brought up from sunken ships off the California coast.

Some early maps and plats of the valley can be seen in full-view along with a library, dating from 1812 to the present.

Remarkable Austin Conover, director of the museum, was a respected newspaper journalist for 32 years as a writer for the Hollywood Citizen News.

His column, Roaming Around, ran daily. Conover was also Valley's public relations officer for 11 years.

Conover, a young 85, was born in 1913 in Kansas Missouri. Conover is still helping students and the community by showing them true facts about the early days of the San Fernando Valley.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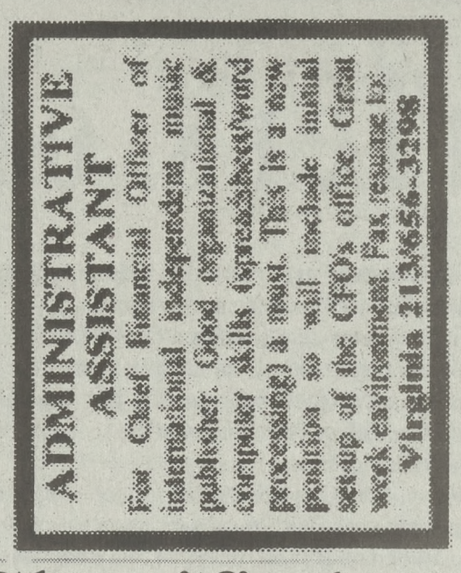
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Deciphering a Classified Ad

By ROBIN FEJES
STAR REPORTER

The word classified has many meanings: confidential, secret, available only to authorized persons or forbidden to be disclosed for reasons of national security.

Today's classified ads often read like confidential or top secret information and ends up being mis-interpreted.

Reading a classified ad should not require specialized training in cryptology so that you can decipher what has been encoded and decode accordingly. To put this into layman's terms; when you read a well written classified ad, you should be able to easily understand it so that you can respond to it.

The main purpose of a classified or want ad is to advertise a job opening to a qualified person in the hope the position will be filled within a short period of time. Millions of new full-time, part-time, temporary and internship positions are advertised daily in newspapers, journals, trade magazines, through personnel agencies and even posted on-line.

Even with the abundance of jobs in a variety of fields, the market is still very competitive and employer's can afford to be picky. Applicant's make the process of elimination much easier for the employer when they respond to a job they're not qualified for.

"Specific ads are purposely written as a tool to exclude those that don't know how to respond to key words and tailor a resume and cover letter accordingly," said Bradley Johnson, bureau chief for Advertising Age magazine. In the past Johnson said he placed ads and threw out replies that were not on target. Johnson suggests reading the ad very carefully and asking someone to help you interpret the meaning if you don't understand it.

In interpreting ads, propesctive applicants read too much into it by thinking they can do some of the requirements, so they must be fully qualified. Employer's are very specific about what they want and the more key words you use the better chance you have of getting a response to your resume.

Recruiter's who are often hired to go over resumes also look for past work history, education, transferrable skills and accomplishments that relate to the job.

The style the resume and cover letters are written in, along with your background tells a lot about your personality and whether you'll fit in with their company. If you're not qualified, don't respond.

Classified ads are not written to follow a certain standard, they can be long, short, plain, bold, boring, exciting or even enticing. "Employers run ads good or bad that work for them and get them lots of responses," said Nancy Massa, recruitement advertising manager for the Los Angeles Times. The Los Angeles Times runs approximately 15,000 ads per week. Sunday is the primary day and 1.4 million people subscribe to the the Sunday Times edition. "Don't wait longer than a week to respond to an ad, especially if it's for the job you really want. Generally, a company is hiring when they run an ad and normally only stockpile when they expect to win a big contract and fill positions quickly," said Massa.

Short ads are written by employer's to save money, while long ads are normally written to advertise a new job, company, or multiple jobs within the same business. Blind ads leave out the employer's name, address, fax and phone numbers.

The employer doesn't want to reveal their name for many reasons: major layoffs they don't want publicized, too many phone calls and not enough staff to receive them, etc.

On-line ads are often written by the same type of people as standard ads: recruiter's human resources, interviewer's, outside agencies and even the writing staff that places the ad for the employer.

On-line ads normally list a job or code number, which the employer uses for tracking purposes.

"If you see a number in a standard or on-line ad, it's best to reference it even if you don't know whether or not your resume will be scanned," said David Franey, vice-president of JOBTRAK.

"In general, if the ad sounds bad and you cannot find out who placed it, do not respond."

A penny saved

By JOHN TARR
STAR REPORTER

You are a college student with many things on your mind and many expenses taxing your wallet and if your are like most students the last thing on your mind is retirement. So you ask yourself if it is too early to think about saving for your retirement. After all, you have at least 30 to 40 years until retirement and besides, you are paying for social security in your weekly paycheck already.

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Notice what Greenspan said: promised retirement benefits for current workers are becoming increasingly dubious. In other words, do not count on social security being around when you are ready to retire. What does this mean? You had better have a plan of action for yourself of McDonald's may be your first and last job.

In this three part series on investing for retirement, the focus will be IRA's (Individual Retirement Accounts), including traditional deductible IRA's, non-deductible IRA's and the new Roth IRA (also known as the IRA Plus.)

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Two parts of that statement need clarification. First, to assume a 10 percent yearly return on your investment is absolutely possible.

"Since World War II, stocks have averaged about a 12 percent annual rate of appreciation, while bonds have returned about seven percent. If you plan on keeping a traditional 60-40 mix of stocks to bonds, you can reasonably assume about a 10 percent annual return over the long term," according to an article in the March 1998 issue of Your Money magazine.

Second, what is the "magic" of tax-free compounding? That is where IRA's come in.
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According to Great Western's IRA department, the bottom line is both the traditional and Roth IRA have different benefits. The traditional IRA allows participants to take a tax deduction of $2,000 or 100 percent of their earned income, whichever is less. The Roth IRA also allows the same contributions but the contribution is not tax deductible.

In our next installment we will delve into the possibilities of what those pre-tax and after-tax contributions will mean over the long-term when comparing the traditional IRA to the Roth IRA as well as other investment vehicles.

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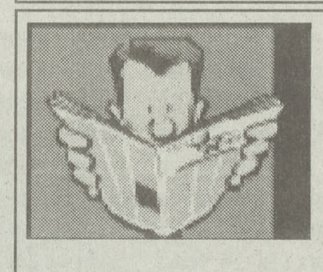

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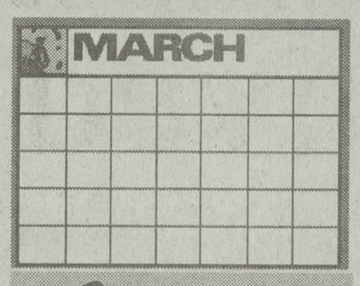

Calendar

Hillel at Pierce and Valley Colleges will be hosting an "Arabian Bazaar" tonight at 9 p.m. at the University of Judaism. The cost is $5 with a Hillel activity card and $7 without. There will be food, dancing and everyone attending should be dressed in Arabian attire. Hillel will also be hosting Henry Phillips, recording artist, comedian, songwriter and musician on March 19. The show will feature live music performed by Phillips.

The Valley College Music Department will have three performances this month.

■ March 14- Classical guitar with Jason Vieaux at 8 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

■ March 16- The Valley College Wind Ensemble directed by Michael Mertens at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

■ March 19- Tenor Charles Castronovo will perform at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

On Friday, March 20, the Astronomy Club will present "Stars- What a way to go!" with Colleen Gino at 8 p.m. in the planetarium. Tickets are $3.50 for general admission, $2.50 for senior citizens, club members and Valley College ASU members with ID, and $2.00 for children ages 8-16. Children under the age of 8 will not be admitted.

The Danza Mexican Cuauhtemoc club teaches Native American dancing at Sepulveda Park on Tuesday's at 7 p.m. and at San Fernando Park on Friday's at 7 p.m.

LAVC's Student Magazine Show, "VTV on Location," airs on TCI cable channel 15 every other Friday at 8 p.m.

March 17: Lá Fhéi Le Pádraig Sona Duit

■ That's Happy Saint Patrick's Day in Gaelic.

ROBIN FEJES
STAR REPORTER

On March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, most American's begin celebrating by donning green clothes, hats, and lucky charm pins. The day continues by attending St. Patrick's Day events and later joining friends at a local pub for green drinks and Irish step dancing.

For others, St. Patrick's Day fun begins by downing too many bottles of green beer, while listening to tall Irish tales and chasing imaginary leprechauns. The evening abruptly ends as they try to stand and end up face-to-face with the pavement, kissing the Blarney Stone, while seeing green stars.

"American's have turned St. Patrick's Day into the New Years eve in March," said Allyn Anderson, vice-president of the Irish Fair Foundation in Toluca Lake. Anderson, an Irish-American, co-founded this non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting Irish music, song, dance and sport.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated differently in Ireland than in the United States.

"In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is regarded as a feast or holy day of obligation and starts with most Irish Catholic's going to mass," said Imelda McCann, a native of Armagh in Northern Ireland and owner of Shamrock Imports in Valley Village. "The Irish normally wear green and pin a real shamrock on their lapel. After mass they sit down to an Irish breakfast of rashers (bacon), black and white pudding (sausage), Irish soda bread and a big pot of tea. In the evening the Irish continue the day's festivities by attending a dance or ceili."

St. Patrick's Day is named after Patrick, a bishop who is Ireland's patron saint. In Ireland, every saint has their own feast day. St. Patrick's feast day is March 17th.

St. Patrick was the son of a Roman official named Calparnius, who was possibly from Wales. It is believed that St. Patrick arrived in Ireland in 456.

St. Patrick was captured at the age of sixteen by Irish raiders and remained a slave for six years. While he was a slave, he tended sheep on Slemist mountain for his master. St. Patrick turned to prayer and a voice told him that he should escape from the mountain to a waiting ship. After St. Patrick escaped, he returned to Britain where he had visions in which the people of Ireland begged him to come and walk among them.

After many years of preparation, St. Patrick returned to Strangford Lough, in Ireland, to begin his work as a missionary. St. Patrick's first church was a saul (barn) and since he considered himself a Roman citizen, his churches were Roman in characteristic.

St. Patrick chose Armagh as the ecclesiastical capital and it remains today for both the Roman catholic church and the church of Ireland. St. Patrick's Cathedral still stands in the county of Armagh.

St. Patrick taught the Irish people about God by showing them a shamrock he picked from Eden's sod. He used the shamrocks three leaves to symbolize the "Three-in-One," The holy ghost, The father and his beloved son.

"This is how St. Patrick explained the doctrine of the holy trinity to the heathens and why the shamrock is symbolic to Ireland," said McCann.

The Irish-American version of the St. Patrick's day celebration and march was started in New York City by Irish immigrants and Irish-Americans as a way to remember their beloved saint.

"Within the last ten years the Irish have adopted the Irish-American way of celebrating St. Patrick's Day by partying and having parades," said Anderson.

Other interesting St. Patrick's Day facts and Irish Blarney.

■ Shamrock's come from the clover family and four-leaf clovers appear to be magical, bringing good luck to the finder.

■ Leprechauns are small michevious male dwarfs or fairies who will reveal the location of a hidden crock of gold to anyone who catches him.

■ Leprechauns are symbolic of Ireland, not St. Patrick's Day, the American's put the two together.

Source: A Short History Of Ireland, Martin Wallage, Apple Tree Guide/Press, Belfast BT2 8DL, c 1973, 1986.

This Week's Top Ten

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5. If you saw a crime and reported it to 911, about a week later they would reply with a form letter saying "how important you really are to us."

4. Every time you went to the mall, people would rush up to you and violently ambush you until you answered the two most important questions in the world... "Age/Sex?"

3. Every time you went shopping you would be harshly thrown out of the store by a bouncer screaming in your face, "We're sorry, this store is temporarily unavailable."

2. You would send your kids to school for history, reading, writing and arithmetic, but instead they would learn one-handed typing and annoying acronyms LOL :).

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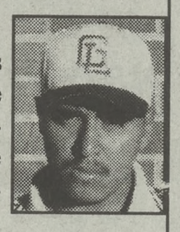
Hollywood's Corner:

Athlete's Responsibilities

BY JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER



Do athletes have more responsibilities than the regular student?

Absolutely.

Two weeks ago I went back to my old high school, Grant, to play in the alumni baseball game. I was informed of the aftermath of an athlete's action.

A Grant baseball and football player was involved in a car accident leaving him in a coma and his companion, a Sherman Oaks CES student, dead.

According to Jeremy Lawrence, a Grant football and baseball coach, The Grant student, Jeremy Stockton and James Gorden of SOCES were speeding, 80 miles per hour, down Chandler Boulevard when the driver, Stockton, lost control and hit a tree.

Can these students' actions be called irresponsible?

Responsible or not responsible, this is an incident everyone, not just athletes, should stop and think about.

"Young persons think they're invincible," Valley baseball coach, Chris Johnson said. "They make mistakes which are sometimes fatal."

Will anyone learn from this fatal incident?

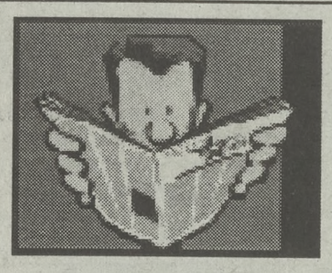
The students' friends set up a memorial at the accident site to show they were affected by the incident.

Friends and teammates refused to comment because they are still trying to cope with the outcome.

Maybe their friends are the ones who will take the time to consider making responsible choices.

People will consider it, but it doesn't mean something like this won't happen again. Accidents happen everyday, it's just that we mostly hear about the accidents of those who are most visible, athletes.

Student athletes are the most visible people on the campus. They represent the school by participating in sporting events with other schools. Athletes should be more responsible to set a good example among their peers and those individuals young and old who look up to them as roile models.



Got Sports? Read the Star

Rivals split doubleheader

■ Cross-town rivals win one game each in doubleheader at Valley College.

BY JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

The Valley College baseball team split a doubleheader with Pierce College on March 7 at Valley.

The Monarchs (3-4) won the first game 3-2 but lost the second 14-4.

The Monarchs also split a doubleheader a week earlier with Glendale when they lost the first game 5-4 and won the second 14-9.

"It's a dog fight," Head Coach Chris Johnson said. "Everybody is even."

According to Johnson, all the teams in the Western State Conference have split their doubleheaders.

The teams in the Western State Conference Southern division; Bakersfield, Canyons, Pierce, Glendale and Valley College have started the season neck-to-neck. Bakersfield has four wins while the rest of the teams in the division have three wins each.

"It's so typical of the game of baseball," Pierce Head Coach Bob Lofrano said.

The first game was a close contest. The game was decided by a slash play put by the Monarchs in the sixth inning.

Steve Guerrero led off the sixth inning by reaching first base after Pierce second baseman, Brian Menkin, was unable to handle a ground ball. Sigi Arroyo followed with a walk. Lucas Latouf continued with a slash single to right field scoring Guerrero all the way from second base.

"[Latouf] hit [the ball] in the right spot," Coach Johnson said.

Valley College struggled for the victory. With two outs in the seventh inning, starting pitcher, Kyle Leonard, was relieved by Alberto Flores. Carlos Gonzales was brought in after Flores got knocked off by a Jared Hertz' double. Gustavo Banuelos took the mound in relief after Gonzales walked his opponent. Banuelos stopped Pierce's momentum by getting the next batter to ground out to short for the save and end the game.

"I wasn't nervous," Banuelos said. "I've been in tighter situations."

Though winning a close first game, the Monarchs were unable to keep up with Pierce in the second game.

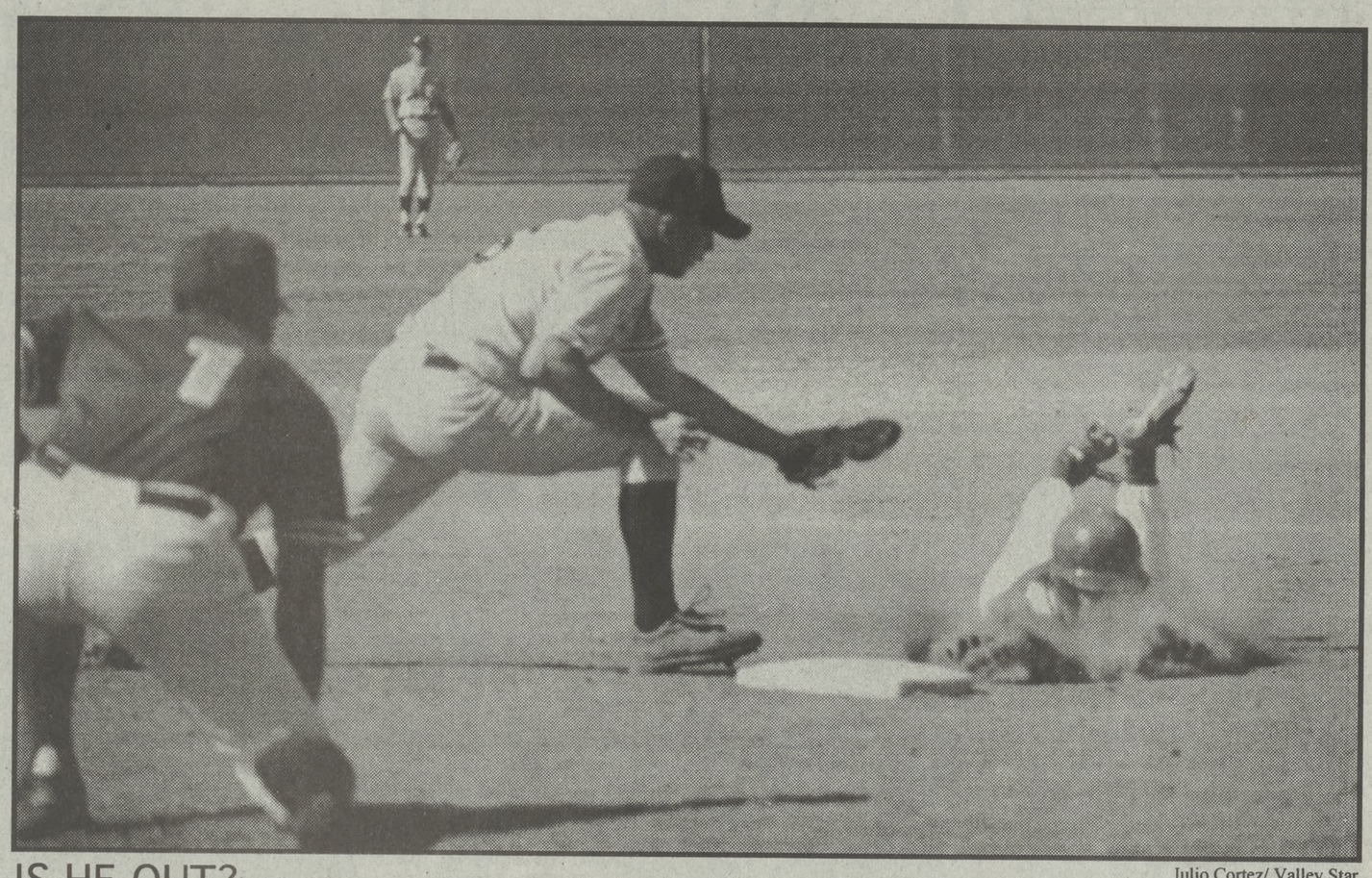
Valley scored its first run in the first inning when Sigi Arroyo singled in Kris Rossfeld. Pierce answered the run in the second inning with a tag-up run. Micah Berger, who was criticized for his loud cheering, followed with a three-run homerun.

"We were bitter that we lost the first game," Berger said. "We wanted to be attentive. [Loud cheering] was the way to show we were attentive, [the crowd] got on my dish and the homer quieted them down."

Valley didn't respond to Pierce's runs until the seventh inning.

With the score 13-1, first baseman Frank Diaz hit a two-run homerun. Vic Palomares who followed the homer with a double was then singled in by Arroyo.

"We fell behind in the begining," Diaz said. "We had four errors. That doesn't help."



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IS HE OUT? Valley College Coach Juan Velazquez watches Monarch Kris Rossfeld slide into what the umpire called an out.

Score Card

Valley 3, Pierce 2

Pierce	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	--	2	5	1
Valley	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	x	--	3	10	1

Morse and Lusk; Leonard, Flores (7), Gonzalez (7), Banuelos (7) and Garcia, Roth (5).
W-Leonard. L-Morse. HR-P: Barkley. 3B-V: Rossfeld. 2B-V: Gerrero. P:Hertz (2).

Pierce 14, Valley 4

Pierce	0	4	2	3	2	1	0	--	14	15	2
Valley	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	--	4	10	1

Mathews, Dunn (8), and Berger; Hickman, Flores (2), Torres (4), Laufer (5), Plorde (6), Gonzales (8), Montano (9) and Roth, Garcia (7).
W-Mathews. L-Hickman. HR-P: Berger, V:Diaz. 2B-P: Rutter, Bible, Barkley, Saenz, Menkin V: Palomares, Arroyo.

Women's basketball beats AV

BY MAGIC TOPPIN
STAR REPORTER

The Lady Monarchs cruised to a 70-68 win over the Antelope Valley Marauders on Feb. 27 at Valley College.

Heading into the playoffs, the Lady Monarchs were on their toes with injuries to Marcella Rodriquez and Meresaini Malaki.

With the victory, the Monarchs have won Antelope Valley 13 consecutive times.

Marcella Rodriquez energized Valley early with a jumper from the foul line and a layup gaving the Lady Monarchs a quick 6-2 lead.

Extra passing from Rodriguez to Tanya McLaughlin to Porsche McAllister for a basket ran Valley's lead back up to four.

Melolini Malaki scored to push Valley's lead up to 14-7.

"I was in foul trouble early in the game but I took advantage shooting eight for 10 at the free throw line" Malaki said.

The Marauder's presence was felt inside however, with two key blocks from Davia Shannon and Tiffany Coke scoring on a fast break to inch the score by five in the first six minutes of the game.

As Valley began to struggle, Shannon began a one woman Marauder show with eight straight points to bring the score to 21-18.

The Lady Monarchs stayed poised and went on a 10-2 run capped off by McAllister's layup putting Valley up 31-20.

The Lady Monarchs continued their surge with baskets from McLaughlin and Rodriquez, scoring nine straight points which pushed Valley's lead 44-33.

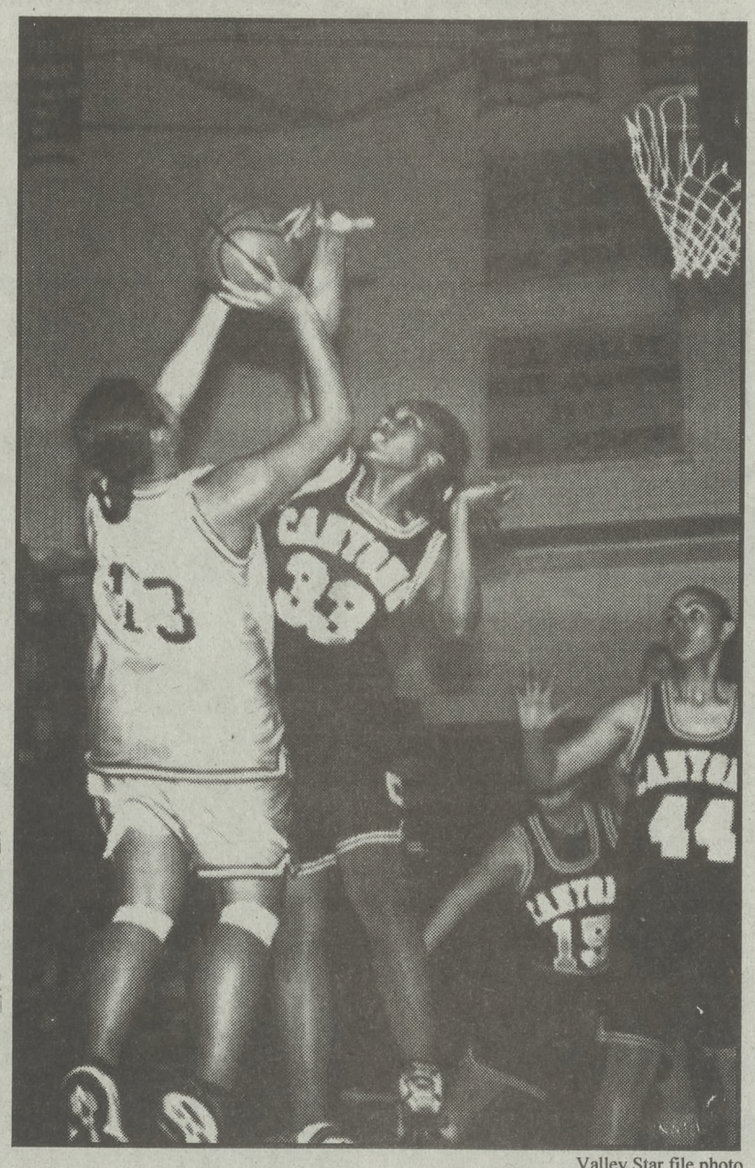
Malaki gave Valley College some spark by scoring four straight points while McLaughlin gave the Monarchs some outside help by hitting a jumper giving Valley a 50-37 lead with under 10 minutes left in the game.

The Marauders refused to quit. Baskets from Shannon, Camela Stevenson, and Ebony Davis brought the lead down to 62-52.

Shannon continued with two baskets shortening Valley's lead to 64-58.

Phillips hit a three-pointer and a putback from Talaya McDaniel put the Marauder's within range 67-63.

The Lady Monarchs held on however with free throws from Malaki and McLaughlin for the win.



Valley Star file photo

The Lady Monarchs beat Antelope Valley to end the season

Men's basketball loses in playoffs

■ Monarchs lose to Irvine in the first round of the Western State Conference playoffs.

BY MAGIC TOPPIN
STAR REPORTER

The Valley College men's basketball team was ousted in the first round of the playoffs with a 51-49 loss to Irvine at Valley on Feb. 27.

The Monarchs had two turnovers and a three-pointer from Damian Raibon had Valley trailing 5-3.

Pierre Elize got Valley College going with a defensive block and a shot to tie the game at five apiece.

"Valley was pressing so hard," said Irvine coach, Jerry Hernandez.

Leon Brisport dunk off a Ronnie Noel miss gave the Monarch's the lead 9-5.

Irvine went on an 11-2 run with baskets from Donald Williams and Matt Houser to tie the score at 17.

Valley College's Pierre Elize hit a three-pointer tying the score at 22, but Enver Soobzoko answered with a three-pointer of his own giving Irvine the lead 25-22.

Free throws from Brad Thornton gave Irvine a 27-22 half-time lead.

"We were ready for play," said Monarch head coach Doug Michelson. "We did not execute."

"We were ready for play. We did not execute."

-Dough Michelson, Valley College head Coach

The second half was close with Valley College and Irvine scoring one after the other.

William Byrd and Williams pushed the score up to 31-22 early in the third quarter. Brisport stopped Valley College's dry spell with a basket and foul shot putting the Monarch's within six points.

Valley College went on a late run ignited by Lionel Mitchell's alley-oop and a Brisport shot got the Monarchs back in the game 36-27.

Nelson scored to bring Irvine's lead down to six with 12 minutes left and clutch free throws got Valley College within one at 42-41.

Irvine continued with a back door cut to Raibon giving Irvine a two-point lead 47-45.

Marcus Hadley's steal and spin move between two Irvine defenders tied the game at 47.

Lionel Mitchel's free throws gave Valley College the lead 49-47, but Irvine's Houser scored to tie it up once again.

With two seconds left, Irvine ran an unusual basketball tactic, "the box."

On the play, Raibon slipped behind Elize and scored on an alley-oop for the 51-49 upset win over the Monarchs and move farther in the playoffs.